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Sir:

Further to the Amendment submitted on October 27, 2003, Applicant encloses the Declaration and Sworn English Translation of Japanese Application No. 10-283149 which was filed October 5, 1998, from which the above-identified application claims priority. Applicant notes that the Office Action dated July 25, 2003 rejected independent Claim 8 as obvious from U.S. Patent No. 6,342,956 (*Hasegawa*) in view of Japanese Patent 11-006599 (*Yoshiharu*). Since the *Yoshiharu* patent has an effective date of January 12, 1999, which is later than the October 5, 1998 filing date of the priority document, Applicant hereby request that the rejections based on the *Yoshiharu* patent be withdrawn.

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